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VA WESTERN NEW YORK HEALTHCARE SYSTEM "Hire a Hero"

Employment and Education Fair for Veterans

VA Western New York Healthcare System will host an employment and education fair for Veterans on **Saturday, March 23 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.** in Freedom Hall at the Buffalo site, 3495 Bailey Avenue.

Veterans will have the opportunity to meet with prospective employers, learn about education opportunities available through local colleges and participate in workshops to improve skills.

Workshops will be held to assist Veterans with filing applications through USAJobs.com at 9:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m.

Some of the participating employers are: US Customs and Border Patrol, Delta Sonic Carwash, Perry's Ice Cream, NYS Department of Agriculture & Markets, Social Security Administration, NYS Department of Labor, Goodwill Industries Inc., Rosina Foods Products Inc., Citi, Sodexo, Fisher-Price, GEICO, and the Department of Veterans Affairs. Participating colleges are: Daemen College, Buffalo State, University of Phoenix, Erie Community College, Niagara University, and D'Youville College. Information will be available to assist Veterans with starting a business from the Buffalo State Small Business Development Office and VA Western New York Healthcare System Contracting office will provide Veteran owned businesses with the process to bid for government work.

All who have served in the military are encouraged to attend. Veterans enter the workforce with identifiable and transferable skills proven in real world situations. For more information contact Public Affairs at 716-862-8753 or email Evangeline.Conley@va.gov.

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